

OCT 10 2001

0113

552376

13 MS. ROSE: My name is Merlyn Rose. I'm a  
14 native of Nevada. I was born and raised in Las Vegas,  
15 and I currently live in Pahrump.

16 And I wasn't planning on speaking this  
17 evening. I was planning on coming down here and kind  
18 of getting things ready for Friday, when y'all are  
19 visiting my little town. But I feel the need, because  
20 there's nobody here speaking.

21 Number one, DOE does not have a right to the  
22 land. It's Western Shoshone land, period. Okay?  
23 That's the end of that. That takes care of all that,  
24 and once the people in this country of the United  
25 States start to realize that this nation that has been

0114

1 stripped away by this government, and its treaty has  
2 been broken, will realize it's not going to be long  
3 after that that people start having that happen to  
4 themselves. Okay?

5 And you guys, I'm not trying to take  
6 anybody's jobs away, you know? Everybody's got to eat,  
7 everybody wants to go home and look at their kids and  
8 give their kids something really good for their lives.

---

552376

9 They want to put them all in school. They want to have  
10 good dental, medical and all that other stuff.

11 You know, there's some extremely intelligent  
12 people that work for you. And I believe that there's  
13 some people that have good hearts. And I know that. I  
14 know that there's better use for this. And it's not in  
15 Yucca Mountain. It doesn't belong to the DOE, it  
16 belongs to the Western Shoshone, period.

17 You know, I've talked to a whole lot of  
18 people in Pahrump. If I had a list, we'd be here for  
19 quite a while, and I have heard a lot of people tell me  
20 that this is a done deal, and it's kind of funny, but a  
21 friend of mine says, you know, it's a really good brain  
22 washing, you know. Everybody believes this is done.  
23 Yet, in the newspaper, it says this is a proposed site.  
24 It's proposed, which means it hasn't actually been  
25 accepted yet. The ring's not on the finger. It's, you

0115

1 know -- well, actually, I guess it is, but we haven't  
2 gotten to the wedding yet, and that's the scary one.

3 You know, another thing that I'd like to say  
4 is that the rules have all changed, you know. I mean,  
5 come on. The rules have all changed, because this

552376

6 place, every -- you know, a lot of people in this  
7 country have a lot of ego, and believe that nothing's  
8 ever going to happen to us. Well, we lost a whole lot  
9 of people, couple of thousand, more than a couple of  
10 thousand, and I know that that hit home to a lot of  
11 people. A lot more than even want to say, you know?  
12 So we're going to put a big X right here. Right here  
13 on the mountain. Go ahead. Or how about, we've got  
14 our trucks. But you know, we know that they won't  
15 stand up to terrorist attacks, because we've ran them  
16 into brick walls before and they're not spilling, but  
17 we don't know what they're going to do when maybe  
18 somebody takes out the driver, and who knows what's  
19 going to happen?

20 The rules have all changed. And so your  
21 rules have got to change too, and it can't be Yucca  
22 Mountain, period. It is Western Shoshone land. It  
23 belongs to them.

24 And I don't know, like I love to look at you  
25 and believe that you had some power to change this, but

0116

1 I'd really like to know who does, you know? Because I  
2 know that that person's not in this room, because

---

552376

3 they're scared to be here. And for whatever that's  
4 worth, you know, I'm scared to be here too. Because  
5 who's to say I'm not going to go home and somebody's  
6 going to mess with me because they think Yucca  
7 Mountain's a good idea, because they think it's going  
8 to keep their family okay, once the sickness gets  
9 there, and the money ain't going to do it. The money  
10 ain't going to cut it, because you know what, when  
11 somebody's dead, you can't pay to bring them back. You  
12 know.

13       You want to take out a few states, we could  
14 do it real quick. We're not let alone, even the  
15 transportation issues, and that's very scary.

16       I think, I did not say anything that hasn't  
17 been said, and that's even more scary, is that this is  
18 like a repeat. Somebody keeps hitting rewind, and it's  
19 somebody else's face up here saying what's going on?  
20 And I understand people that are working there want  
21 their jobs and need to pay for, you know, their  
22 livelihoods. I understand that. I understand that  
23 you're all so brilliant and that, you know, that energy  
24 spent and that can be like so better put to another  
25 use.

0117

552376

1 Closing Yucca Mountain, I'm sure, would  
2 employ a lot of people for a really long time, taking  
3 out all those pieces out of the mountain that's been  
4 bored into. I mean, we could -- that's 65 years of job  
5 employment right there, I'm sure. You know?

6 I don't know, I heard there's a lot of wood  
7 in there, but I don't have the proof, so, you know,  
8 that stuff's supposed to, I guess turn into methane  
9 once it's crushed. I don't know what that means. I'm  
10 not a scientist.

11 All's I know is one thing, is that we're all  
12 human. If anybody in here isn't human, please let me  
13 know, okay? Please. We are all prone to imperfection,  
14 and one of these things I haven't seen is y'all talk  
15 about, there's nothing going to happen. We don't see  
16 any worst case scenarios. Why don't you show the  
17 reality of what can really happen when this stuff goes  
18 bad? One. Uno, uno mas, that's it, we're done.  
19 Because all's it's going to do is keep going from  
20 there.

21 We've got over 5,000 people dead. Hello?  
22 Let's not put an X on this mountain. Let's not put an

552376

23 X on these vehicles. On the railroads. You know?

24 MODERATOR BROWN: Your five minutes is up.

25 MS. ROSE: Is it?

0118

1 MODERATOR BROWN: Yeah.

2 MS. ROSE: That's okay, because you guys will

3 see me on Friday, you know, and hopefully you'll be

4 seeing a lot of other people on Friday that really

5 didn't know that y'all existed, because when I talked

6 to them, they say, "Oh, I didn't know that was

7 happening." I go, "Well, here it is." So, y'all have

8 a good night.